

REMARKS

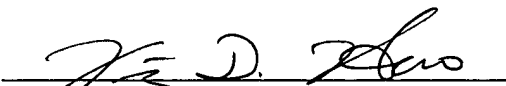
Claims 3, 4, 9-14 and 19 are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 7 and 18 are amended and claims 21 are newly added. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 5-8, 15-18, 20 and 21 are pending. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added by this amendment.

Applicant respectfully requests an interview with the Examiner prior to examination of the present application. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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